Bible & Daily Living

On celebrating being found

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
CELEBRATING OUR BEING FOUND
Lesson for January 23, 1983
Bible Study Passage: Luke 15:11-32
INTRODUCTION

What a world we live in! A world of sin, suffering, hospitals, hostages, institutions for the aged and emotionally troubled, war, greed, violence, and prejudice. How can we even think of celebration in the midst of such human misery? How can we talk about celebrating our being found when we feel so lost much of the time?

The parable Jesus told of the Prodigal Son is a classic in biblical literature and human memory. Here is a story of a father who was able to celebrate the return of his lost son who had squandered his inheritance in foolish behavior. This Prodigal Son acted so foolishly, yet still managed to receive a party in honor of his return from his foolish wanderings.

Have you ever done something foolish? I have. We all have. We all have "played the fool" and found ourselves regretting our actions. Did you ever feel so foolish about your behavior that you thought forgiveness would never be in order? I suspect most of us have been so low in pits that we thought there would never be another party for us. But the good news of God is that through his forgiveness and love we are acceptable.

A Son Who Strayed [Luke 15:11-24]

The focus of this parable is the father's forgiveness, not the Prodigal's misbehavior. Yet the boy's actions are enough to try the patience of any parent. You can imagine this wandering child returning home empty-handed and empty-hearted. The father of this son could have reacted with rage over the loss of money he had been smart enough to accumulate and the Prodigal dumb enough to lose.

The younger son in the parable came to his father and said something like this: "Old man, I wish you were dead. Give me now what I would get if your will were probated." Such words must have cut very deep. Here was his son asking for an early inheritance, but also rejecting his family, home, values, and heritage his father tried to instill in him over the years.

Surely this father wondered, just as we parents may wonder from time to time, where he had failed as a father to his son. But this same father turns around and throws a party for his long, lost son.

The father's reaction is moving and instructive. In our society we tend to bless only those who succeed, not those who fail. Yet this father is able to bless even a failure. "How could he do such a thing?" we may ask. The answer lies in his ability to get outside himself and openly receive the gift of his son's return. He surely did not ignore his anger, but he set aside his personal feelings in order to celebrate his son's homecoming.

A Son Who Stayed [Luke 15:25-32]

Picture the older son walking home from the fields of labor. As he draws nearer to home he hears the laughter and sounds of a party. He hears music, dancing, and, as he walks into the yard, he sees tables laden with food. "What going on here?" he mutters to himself. He soon learns that his brother has returned and that his father has thrown a party to celebrate his coming home. The older son is furious.

The older son was so wrapped up in his own concerns that he could not celebrate his brother's return. He chose to stand outside in the shadows, a lonely individual paralyzed with anger and jealousy. He interpreted the events as to how they effected him, which is the way we often respond to certain circumstances.

The older son was narrow and self-righteous. Even though he would receive the customary two-thirds, he was insecure and resentful of the good that came to his brother. There was no love in his control and he refused to share his father's grief. This son was lost in the shadows of self-concern, jealousy, and anger. Grace was not a word or feeling in his everyday language and behavior.

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Con$umer ene Note$

By OCIE M. MACK
Extension Agent

A man in a conservative business suit approaches you in the bank. He tells you he is a bank examiner and needs your help to catch a dishonest teller. He wants you to withdraw your savings and give the money to him so he can check the serial numbers. DON'T COOPERATE.

The U.S. Department of Justice warns that if you do, you will never see the man or your money again. A real bank official would never tell you to make a withdrawal. The man who does is a con artist. His ploy is a common one.

A salesperson offers you a chance to buy land in a distant state at what seems like an irresistibly low price. A swimming pool, a private or membership in a community club is promised as part of the deal. Don't buy without carefully reading a property report.

What if that "choice lot" is actually nothing but useless sagebrush or swamp land, without even basic services like water and sewage disposal?

Protect yourself against this type of fraud by learning as much as you can about the property. Most land developers offering 50 lots or more for interstate sale are required by law to file a statement with the federal government, detailing available facilities in the area like schools and transportation, plus provisions for water and utilities and more.

They are also required to provide the same information to you, in the form of a property report. Don't sign anything until you have carefully read this document.

Frauds involving false charities also are widespread. Instead of helping people in need, your donation may only help line some crooked operator's pocket. If you're asked to give money to a charity you have never heard of, check the organization out carefully. Be especially cautious about donating to organizations with names that sound like well-known charities, but really are not quite the same.

Of course, it is always possible for even the most alert sensible ones among us to temporarily let our guard down and find that we've been "taken." If that should happen to you, don't be too embarrassed to report it immediately to the police.

Personal Income Tax Workshop Scheduled

Appomattox County Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor free of charge a Personal Income Tax Workshop on Tuesday, January 25, 1983, at the District Extension Office, located next door to the Post Office. Times are as follows:

Morning Session - 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Evening Session - 7 to 9 p.m.

Mr. Sam Waddell, Extension Agent, Farm Management, will discuss new changes in the 1040 and 1040-A forms; how to fill out each form; how to report interest, dividends and child care.

Register now by calling the Extension Office at 352-8244.

Extension programs and activities are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap or political affiliation.

Methodists planning pancake supper

The United Methodist Men will have a Pancake Supper at Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday evening, January 21 from 5 until 7 p.m.

Adults, $2.50 and children $1.50, all you can eat.

The Rev. Thomas E. Kelley III

Kelley to speak here

The Reverend Thomas E. Kelley III, full time Prison Ministry Worker, will be the guest speaker at Liberty Chapel Baptist Church on Sunday, January 23 at the 11 a.m. service.

Kelley, once involved with drugs, alcohol, and even a motorcycle gang, accepted Christ while in prison and now spends five days a week working with prison inmates. He often spends time on Death Row bringing the message of Christ to prisoners.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

UDC plans meeting

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy will meet in the home of Mrs. Lucille Ferrell on Thursday, January 20 at 2:30 p.m.

All members are urged to make plans to attend.

Deaths

Katie Ferguson Austin

Katie Ferguson Austin, 69, of Route 1, died at 1 p.m. Monday, January 17, in Lynchburg General Hospital.

She was the widow of the late Floyd H. Austin. Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of the late Tony Albert Ferguson and Mary Etta Ferguson. She was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Edward A. (Buster) Austin, Evergreen; two daughters, Mrs. Lewis G. (Shirley) Harvey, Appomattox, and Mrs. Robert M. (Doris) Canada, Phenix; a brother, Harry D. Ferguson, Appomattox; a sister, Mrs. Lorene Strick of Whaleysville, Md.; 11 grandchilren; and eight great-children.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Baptist Church by the Rev. Edmond Terry. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mary Wilson Burley Bryant

Mrs. Mary Wilson Burley Bryant, 67, of 5615 Seminole Ave., died at 6:05 p.m. Jan. 15, at her residence.

She was the wife of the late Hilary Pace Bryant. Born in Amherst County, she was the daughter of the late Lution Duval Burley and Maggie Gillispie Burley. She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and was a retired employee of Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Kaye B. Cyrus, Roanoke, Mrs. Joanne B. Moore of Route 2, Concord and Mrs. Donna B. Harris, Madison Heights; a sister, Mrs. Mabel B. Bryant, Drakes Branch; two brothers, Elliott B. Burley, Monroe, and Marion Burley, Amherst, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. F. Randolph Campbell. Interment was in Sardis United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Bessie H. Ratliff Hamlett

PHENIX - Bessie H. Ratliff Hamlett, 80, Route 1, Phenix, died Monday night, Jan. 10, in a Farmville hospital.

She was born August 12, 1902, in Floyd County, a daughter of the late George T. Lee Harris and Mittie Epperly Harris. Her husband was the late, Jesse Hamlett. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by two sons, C. W. Ratliff, Phenix, and Roy H. Ratliff, Denison, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Alma Hamlett, Chase City, and Mrs. Annie R. Morningstar, Buffalo Junction; two sisters, Mrs. Clifton Morton, Brookneal, and Mrs. Nellie Walker, Phenix; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethel Baptist Church at Phenix, by the Revs. Randy Bridges and Elton McDowell. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cornelius Earl Tomlinson

Cornelius Earl Tomlinson, 78, Route 1, died Saturday morning, January 15, at his home.

Born in Mecklenburg County, he was a son of the late Cornelius Allen and Sallie Davis Tomlinson. Twice married, his first wife was the late Lilie Mae Traylor Tomlinson, and his second wife was the late Mildred Marshall Taylor Tomlinson. He retired from the Lynchburg Police Department in 1965, after 40 years of service, and was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. June T. Logwood and Mrs. Roger Thornhill, both of Lynchburg; one stepson, Richard M. Taylor, Bedford County; three sisters, Mary T. Daniel, Dundas, Sallie T. Cordle, Kenbridge, and Lillian T. Legassey, Blackstone; three brothers, Hilton Tomlinson, Dundas, B. H. Tomlinson, Crewe, and Willie Tomlinson, Kenbridge; two half brothers, Roy Tomlinson, Louis, Miss., and Franklin Tomlinson, Blackstone, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Duiguid Rivermont Chapel Monday at 1 p.m. by the Revs. Floyd J. Wingfield, Sr. and E. Thomas Murphy, Jr.

Interment was in Presbyterian Cemetery.

Duiguid Rivermont Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mervyn Wilton Williamson

Mervyn Wilton Williamson, 61, of 3706 Faculty Drive, Lynchburg, died Tuesday morning, January 18 at the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of Ruth Morris Williamson and the late William Lee Williamson.

He was a professor at Lynchburg College where he taught English. He was an ordained minister serving the Gordonsville Christian Church. He was a veteran of World War II having served with the Army Air Corps and was held prisoner of war.

Surviving are his wife, Rhoda Lott Williamson; three sons, Mervyn Wilton (Skip) Williamson, Jr. of Chicago, Ill; Jacon Byron Williamson of Wilmington, N.C. and Allen Lee Williamson of Richmond; one daughter, Rhonda Kay Williamson of Mt. Prospect, Ill.; two brothers, Elbert L. Williamson, and William (Bill) Williamson both of Appomattox; three sisters, Melva G. Williamson of Lynchburg; Mrs. H. E. (Audrey) Phelps and Mrs. Berkley (Nell) Cabiness both of Appomattox; and six grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at Euclid Christian Church, Lynchburg with the Rev. Carlton Lyon, Carey Brewer and James Houston in charge. Interment will be in Liberty Cemetery in Appomattox.

Diuguid Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ARS to offer CPR class

A basic care life support-CPR class will be offered to the public on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad building.

The class is restricted to the first 24 people who sign up.

Anyone interested in taking this class may obtain additional information by contacting Ray Noble at 352-7451.

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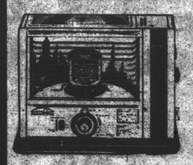

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Crop marketing discussion planned in Appomattox

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

As we move into the '80's it seems to me that one of the major thrusts in agriculture must be in the area of marketing. For too long farmers have tended to "sell" their products. There are some alternatives for some products.

A couple weeks ago I talked with a friend in Pennsylvania; on the previous day he had marketed his soybeans. He said, "I'm thankful that I had a contract for $6.66 a bushel, because the cash market in our area is $5.56 per bushel."

Certainly $6.66 isn't a record breaker, but by using a contract one can frequently increase return.

Forward pricing suggests that one must know production costs and use good production practices.

We'll be talking about these grain marketing strategies Friday, January 28, 1:00 - 4:00 at the District Extension Office Auditorium - - come join us.

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The 1982 Virginia Corn Performance Trails publication is available for your use. Stop by and pick-up a copy. Some study can make you dollars by staying on top of the high producing varieties.

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The Virginia Department of Agriculture produces brochures that are widely distributed relating to the sale of various farm products.

There is no charge for listing your operation in these publications. The up-coming 1983 direct marketing program and deadlines are as follows:

Lamb and Wool Guide - Jan. 21.
Berry and Vegetable Guide-Feb. 1

Directory of Virginia Farmers Markets - March 15

An application form needs to be completed. We have them in our office for your use.

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There will be a Small Fruit School (brambles, berries and grapes) on February 7 and Tree Fruit School February 8 at the Salem-Roanoke County Civic Center. Program begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m.

If you plan to attend, we need to know by February 2.

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The Southern Piedmont Area Forage Conference will be in Chatham Feb. 3. Copies of the program are available from our office.

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Several weeks ago we talked about lice control in beef cattle and indicated that there were two materials, Lysoff and Dursban 44, that could be used.

Always read the labels before purchase and again before using. Dursban 44 is a good material when used in accordance with the label. There are a lot of "do nots" on the label - here are some of them, but not intended to be a complete listing.

- - Do not use with pesticide or drug having cholinesterase inhibiting activity within 45 days before or after treatment.

- - Do not hot brand animals when treating with Dursban 44 because solvent is combustible.

- - Do not treat bulls over 8 months of age.

- - Do not treat dairy cattle of any age.

- - Do not treat purebred continental or exotic breed cattle such as Simmental, Chianina, Charolais, Gelhvich.

- - Do not treat cows 21 days prior to or 14 days after calving.

- - Do not treat veal calves.

- - Do not treat beef-breed calves under 12 weeks of age.

- - Do not treat sick, convalescent or severly stressed cattle.

- - Do not treat for 10 days before or after shipping, dehorning, castration or vaccination.

- - Do not slaughter animals within 14 days of initial treatment.

- - Do not retreat animals within less than 30 days.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

Most 4-H members have now received information about ordering strawberry plants for spring planting. Four varieties (Sunrise, Scott, Surecrop, and Delite) are being offered this year. Orders are due in the Extension Office by February 10. Parents may mail in their orders or bring them by the Extension Office or members may turn them in at their meetings. Guidelines for planting and care of the plants will be provided when the strawberry plants arrive in mid-March.

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The Annual 4-H Awards Banquet will be held this Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Appomattox County High School. Over 50 4-H members will be recognized for their outstanding achievements during the past year. Featured program speakers will be Senior 4-H'ers Laura Walton and Glen McClenny. Their topic will be "Why Stick with 4-H." A covered dish dinner will be held prior to the Awards presentation.

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Appomattox County will attend Holiday Lake 4-H Camp during the week of July 4-8, 1983. Appomattox 4-H'ers will be camping alone this summer and not with youngsters from an adjoining county.

Ingrid Moore and Darrell Conner, members of the 4-H Teen Leaders Club, have agreed to serve as youth representatives on the Appomattox County Fund Raising Committee for Holiday Lake 4-H Center.

Appomattox Senior 4-H'ers David Hancock and Michael McCoy have been invited to provide entertainment for the Annual Virginia Maryland-Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives meeting in Richmond on January 24. The Electric Cooperatives are sponsors for the State 4-H Share-the-Fun program. Both David and Michael have been participants in State Share-the-Fun programs in past years.

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A great opportunity exists for all 4-H'ers who take part in the upcoming Public Speaking. Developing poise and self-confidence, as well as the ability to prepare and present a speech, are the goals of the 4-H Speaking program. Today's 4-H speakers may well be tomorrow's civic club predicents, church leaders and concerned and involved citizens of our community.

Supper set

There will be a Pancake-Sausage Supper on Saturday evening, January 22 at the Red House Fire House, beginning at 6 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Red House Volunteer Fire Department.

4-H Club news

Mrs. Bradley's 4-H Club

Mrs. Bradley's 4-H Club met on January 12, 1983. The president called the meeting to order. Then we said the pledges. The recreation leaders led us in the games Three Person Eraser and King and Queen.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The president called for old and new business. Mr. Sweet talked to us about strawberry plants. Then we discussed 4-H Camp. The president then turned the meeting over to the vice-president who introduced the program.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Dale Williamson
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Herbert Allen honored

Herbert L. Allen, Jr.

Herbert L. Allen, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Allen, Sr. of Appomattox, and a graduate of Appomattox County High School, has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, in recognition of being selected to receive an Air Force ROTC Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded on meritorious achievement in academic studies with a willing desire to serve the country in the United States Air Force.

From USAF program

Tony Webb graduates

Airman Anthony M. Webb, son of James W. Webb of Appomattox and Patricia P. Evans of Route 1, Brookneal, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft fuel systems equipment repair course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

Graduates of the course learned how to inspect and repair intricate aircraft fuel systems, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Webb will now serve at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, with the 338th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

He is a 1982 graduate of William Campbell High School, Brookneal.

Supervisors' class set

The Distributive Education Department of Appomattox County High School is now accepting registration for "Essentials of Supervisory Techniques." The class will be covering many areas such as Understanding the New Generation Work Force, Communications, and Assessing Employee Performance. Anyone interested in developing managerial skills should enroll in this course. Present supervisors will develop competencies they use daily and those aspiring to management positions will develop skills to prepare them for advancement.

This 10 hour class will be held January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 1983, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in room 305 of the high school. The cost is $10.00 per person. The instructor will be Mr. Rodney Williams, Adult DE Specialist. Mr. Williams is a consultant with the Distributive Education Service of the State Department of Education.

For more information or to register for the class, please call John McHale, Appomattox County High School Distributive Education Coordinator, at 352-5317.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES GOVERNING EXPEDITED RATE INCREASES FILINGS BY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

The Virginia State Corporation Commission announced on December 17, 1982 new proposed rules which would govern requests for expedited rate increases sought by electric cooperatives. The proposed rules are designed to curb the financial deterioration currently being experienced by some cooperatives and to assist all Virginia cooperatives in obtaining, and maintaining, the capability to finance at the lowest cost to its members.

The proposals would allow the cooperatives to put in effect limited interim rate increases. Under the proposed rules, the increase is limited to 10% of annual revenues and further limited to the amount required to provide coverage of the interest on the cooperative's long term debt of no more than two and one-half times. In addition, the cooperative is limited to the ratemaking limitations established in prior rate cases in calculating the amount of increase. As a final safeguard, the rules provide that any increase which violates the rules will be refunded and that the cooperative may be precluded from filing for expedited rate relief for a prescribed period of time. Public notice of the increase is required on or before the date the rates are put in effect, and any customer may request to be heard by the Commission on the increase. Within six months of the date the increase goes into effect, the Commission's Staff will investigate the increase and file a report of its investigation. Other provisions of the proposed rules address the area of rate design and treatment of prior wholesale power cost increases.

The text of the proposed rules can be examined at the Commission's Document Control Center, Floor B1, Jefferson Building, Bank and Governor Streets, Richmond, Virginia and at the business offices of each cooperative where customer bills may be paid.

These proposed rules will be considered separately from the rules pending in Case No. PUE820056, which will be limited solely to investor-owned utilities.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rules on or before January 31, 1983, by writing William C. Young, Clerk, Virginia State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23216 making reference to Case No. PUE820087. Any request to be heard orally must likewise be submitted. The Commission envisions that the final rules in this proceeding will become effective by March 1, 1983.

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